

Question on Notice

No. 75

Asked on 14 February 2024

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON C MULLEN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide, as of 30 September 2023 (a) the number of children subject to a Child Protection Order aged 10 and over and (b) the number of children subject to both Child Protection Orders and Youth Justice Orders?

ANSWER

Only a very small proportion of children in the child protection system are known to the youth justice system. The vast majority of children and young people in care have no contact with the youth justice system.

For those young people who are in contact with both the child protection and youth justice systems, they have often come from households where they have experienced abuse, neglect, socio-economic disadvantage, violence and/or trauma. These young people can display complex behaviours and require additional supports in both the child protection and youth justice systems.

In response to part (a) of the question, as at 30 September 2023, 6,908 young people aged 10 to 17 years were subject to a Child Protection Order.

In response to part (b) of the question, as at 30 September 2023, 224 young people aged 10 to 17 years were subject to both a Child Protection Order and a supervised Youth Justice Order.